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Applicants: Vargas, Jaime; et. al.
Assignee: Cardica, Inc.
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action of January 30, 2003.

REMARKS

The Office Action states that "[a]s applicants point out on the applicants' response from page 3 to page 22, it is clearly indicated that the restriction of Species VII of Invention I is proper according to MPEP 806.04(f) Claims Restricted to Species, by Mutually Exclusive Characteristic." This statement mischaracterizes Applicant's Response to Office Action filed on November 8, 2002. For the record, Applicants did not "point out" that the restriction was proper. Indeed, Applicants did not and do not admit that the restriction was proper, and Applicant's extensive Response to Office Action set forth a thorough analysis explaining why the restriction of Species VII of Invention I was improper.